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Quote of the Week:

student to cafeteria worker:
"My, that's 'delicious' stew. Can I have the recipe?"
cafeteria worker: "No, I am afraid that it is a long kept Mariott secret!"

TELEX . . .

• Laurentian's preliminary enrollment is 3944, up 12.8% from last year. This is the largest percent increase of all Ontario Universities. • Pierre Marc Johnson, leader of the Parti Québécois, resigned his post last Tuesday. • Mikhail Gorbachev; has announced that 60,000 government officials in Moscow will be fired within 2 years. The move is part of Gorbachev's campaign to slash the inefficient central bureaucracy.

Juniors playing games in residence Tenants may sit out

Tenants of up to fifty apartments in Married Students Residence (MSR) may have to be evicted temporarily for the duration of the World Juniors II, says Romeo Bertoli, director of Services.

The second World Juniors will be hosted by Sudbury and Laurentian University from July 26 to July 31, 1988, and the track and field event will involve approximately 1200 athletes representing an estimated 150 countries.

Mr. Bertoli said there is a possibility the residents of MSR may be asked to relocate for general security reasons, but stressed that the athletes will not be using the apartments. He said that the other residences are normally vacated in the summer, so MSR will be the only affected residence.

Students in MSR are permitted to stay in the residence until April 30, and must obtain permission if they want to stay in residence during the summer months.

Mr. Bertoli indicated that the students living in MSR were required to sign an agreement form indicating that they may be asked to relocate during the event, and noted that they will not be required to pay for the period they are away.

A member of the Food and Accommodations committee, Mr. Bertoli said that the committee is working in conjunction with the international organization and must adhere to international requirements.

Dr. Sandys-Wunsch, Provost of Thornloe University and a member of the Food and Accommodations committee, said exact plans haven't been finalized, but hopes to accommodate students as best as possible.

"The heads of the federated colleges hope to meet (to determine) how we can best serve the needs (of affected students)," said Sandys-Wunsch, adding that those involved are "at the mercy of things beyond the campus."

Mr. Ron Chrysler, V.P. Academic and Chairman of the Food and Accommodations committee, said that those who might be affected "have been advised of this possibility" (of temporary relocation), and added that the committee is working in connection with security officials.

"It is an issue we're continuing to look at and responding to. It's premature to give a definitive answer," said Chrysler.

Greg Huneault

Need for a national native students' association

A national native students organization may be the next step in lobbying native education issues across Canada, says Gerry Trudeau.

Trudeau, a Laurentian student and national commissioner of indigenous affairs for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), is planning to unite native student associations across Canada into one national organization.

Trudeau feels that native students need to organize on a larger scale to have more clout.

"We can speak as a whole, not just as one person from one university," said Trudeau.

So far Laurentian, Lakehead, Trent, Ottawa, and Carleton Universities and Algoma College have established campus native associations.

Trudeau said at most universities there are not enough native students to establish strongly tied support groups, so the national organization will take a while to form.

"It's going to take a couple of years. It's not something you can do in a month or so," he

stated.

Trudeau feels Laurentian has a strong and unique facility for native students, as compared to other universities.

"We have a good lounge, and more importantly good ties with the Students General Association (SGA)," said Trudeau.

Laurentian's Native Students Association has 60 student members and an organized council which plans social and cultural activities.

Trudeau conducted a seminar on problems unique to Native students at the Northern Ontario Students Conference held in Thunder Bay on October 10-12. He said that when native Indians or Inuit travel to a distant university to attend school, "they are not familiar with non-Native ways and have just come from a reserve-type setting. There's no Native association or people that they can talk to. They're just like foreign students."

Another major problem, states Trudeau, is government funding for Native post-secondary education. This year the

government allocated \$97-million to the Native education fund, which is surprisingly less than last year's funding.

Gilbert Whiteduck, director of the First National Education Council of Quebec is disappointed.

"In our treaties, the government promised to fund Indian education for all our people, for all levels (of education), but they haven't lived up to that promise," said Whiteduck.

Until 1986-87, all Natives who applied to a post secondary institution received full funding through the Post-Secondary Education Assistance Program.

In 1986, for the first time, a limit was put on the program's budget, and in May 1987, further restrictions for eligibility were announced.

This fall, many Native students found themselves enrolled in programs they could not afford.

Patrick Snaird
with CUP files

Righting the test

The Students General Association (SGA) sponsored a forum on the language proficiency test at Laurentian University on November 3. Attended by only twenty students, the forum gave people the opportunity to voice their complaints and opinions to a panel of administrative and faculty representatives.

The proficiency test was first

implemented in 1985 for the purpose of testing the language competency of Arts students. Many students are upset that they must receive a pass on the test to obtain their degrees.

Dr. Steven, chairman of the English department, stressed that good communication skills are a very high priority in today's society. For this reason, it is important that universities should produce competent graduates and the test is considered a first step in achieving this goal.

SGA President David Filion disagrees with the way the test was implemented.

"I don't believe you can implement a test as an experiment and hinge a degree on it. It was stressed that the test would be evaluated after three years," said Filion.

The failure rate for English students was 68 per cent, while the failure rate for the French test was 75 per cent. Filion said that the failure rates were unusually high.

"The university should be prepared to defend a test with such an astronomical failure

rate on both a moral and legal basis," said Filion.

Even though the test upsets a number of students, Dr. Dewson, Dean of Social Sciences, feels that students don't take the test seriously enough.

The language proficiency test was implemented with the understanding that students who failed would seek remedial assistance to improve. With many students, this does not seem to be the case.

Of 250 francophones, fifty per cent were graded a three, which indicates a fail and the need for remedial assistance. Only thirty students took the opportunity to accept that help.

One of the major criticisms of the test is that it is taken at the beginning or end of the year, while throughout the year students forget about the necessity or implications of the failing the test.

A problem with the system of testing language proficiency at Laurentian is that students might fail the test itself, yet still pass all other essays and courses. The problem is that (see tests, p. 3)

Carny week plans on ice?

Plans for Laurentian's 1987-88 Carny Week are underway. The Carnival Committee has begun preparing for the annual event to held in January.

Many events are still tentative, and both the organizing committee and SGA General Manager Dan Roy are planning events and entertainment.

Proposed activities for this year include the traditional snow sculpting contest, the UC Chug and the Lambda 500.

Some new events being con-

sidered include: billiards, euchre, ball hockey and indoor soccer.

Roy is still uncertain which acts will be booked, and has yet to confirm or finalize most of the entertainment. Final location and band for a Saturday evening concert have yet to be determined as well. It is uncertain whether the event will be held in the Fraser Auditorium or at an off-campus location.

A handbook outlining the events and activities, once they

become finalized, will be distributed. An outline of events will also be included in the SGA's The Connection.

Emy Abitol, SGA Services Commissioner, is heading the planning aspect of various sub-committees, and encourages people to come out and volunteer.

Last year the planning committee was well organized, and Abitol said "this year will prove to be fabulous again."

Lucy Douglas



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Athletes for Septem-

Elizabeth Bryant
Position: Goalie
Hometown: Sudbury
Program: Human
Movement, 4th yr.

Elizabeth "Billie" Bryant had an outstanding season with the Lady Vees. In September, she played a major role in the Field Hockey team's success by having no goals against her.

Paolo Toscano
Position: Goalie
Hometown: Ottawa
Program: Geography,
3rd yr.

Paolo had an outstanding month in goal and helped the team to a third place finish and a win over Queen's in the first-round playoffs. Paolo, along with Rob Santarossa, posted the best goals against average in Ontario, allowing only 6 goals in 12 regular season games.

Intramural corner

Men's Intramural Ice Hockey The first two weeks of men's intramural hockey have ended and competition thus far has been very intense. With eight teams competing for the Canadian 'A' Division Title (contact) and ten teams competing for the Golden 'B' Division Title (non-contact), the league should continue to provide the fans with fast and exciting hockey. The players will continue to strive for the medals and trophies provided by Molson's until the first week in

February. Scoring leaders to this point in the Canadian Division are Stroker's Kevin Meyers and Economic's John Tyndall, both with 5 points. In the Golden Division AEF's Stéphane Gauthier and Weekend Warriors Tom Harrigan are tied with 6 points. In the Canadian Division the U.C. Unicorns lead the Goals Against Derby with a 2.00 average. Over in the Golden Division, Huntington Hawks are posting an impressive 0.50 average.

Intramural Basketball

The Men's Intramural Basketball League is now underway. Although there has been some confusion in the schedule, the league itself is running smoothly. The revised schedule is now complete, and can be picked up at the front desk of the Physical Education Building anytime from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm Mon-Fri.

Last Thursday night, the B league had the Fighting Frppts meet the Faculty Selects. The game remained very close in the first half, but the second half proved detrimental to the Selects who lost by a final score of 36-27.

On the A side, the 3rd Wave

outscored Stokers A by a 38-20 margin, while in the second game Larry's Fish Market dumped Huntington Hawks by 10. This game was very close throughout until the last minutes. With only a short time on the clock, Larry's Fish Market took control of the tempo, and suddenly hit on all occasions, pulling away to win 36-26, despite the valiant efforts of the Hawks defence.

Games run on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Teachers College, and from 9 p.m.-12 p.m. at the Ben Avery Gym. If you have any questions about the league, please call Rob or Craig at 522-3825.

Craig Myles

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Table Tennis News

As usual club practices have been scheduled for Sundays 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the L.U. Teacher's College gymnasium. All interested are welcomed.

An upcoming event of the club is the Laurentian University Closed Singles championship to be held on Sunday Nov. 29, 1987, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. The Best players will represent L.U. to participate in the Labatt's Intervarsity championship.

Another event on the club agenda is the L.U. Open Singles championship. Club members will have the opportunity to test their skills against players from other parts of the province.

The club will hold a general meeting on Nov. 29, 1987, the day of the championship, to elect officials for the 1987-88 academic year.

Dr. T.C. Chau

Supervisor, L.U. Table Tennis Club.

Intramural Innertube Water-Polo

Okay everyone, what is the problem? So far only one team has registered for Laurentian's fabulous intramural innertube water-polo! I realize that it is early to be thinking about something that doesn't begin until January, but, teams must be registered now if they want to play. Due to the lack of teams registered, the deadline has been extended until November 27, 1987 at 3:30 p.m.

Innertube water-polo is a mixed league so it is a great opportunity to meet people and have fun. You should also remember that by January all of

the turkey and beer that you consumed at Christmas will be sitting around your middle. What better way to get back into shape than by coming to the pool and playing a fast paced game of innertube water-polo?

So, get your teams together and register them at the front desk of the Phys. Ed Centre. Remember, a \$10.00 registration fee is required along with a list of players and a team captain's name and number. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Paul at 673-0110 or Rm. 325 in the U. Of S. Residence.

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Federal study understates student debt load problem

OTTAWA (CUP) Over 17 000 post-secondary students had debt loads of over \$10 000 in 1985-86, a recently released government analysis of student debt load has revealed.

The study, which also shows that 1.830 students have debt loads of over \$15 000, was based on Canada Students Loans data for those full-time students who negotiated a student loan during the 1985-86 loan year. Provincial student loan information was also supplied by B.C., Alberta, and Ontario.

Critics say the government is trying to understate the problem of high student debt load in Canada.

A government press release on the study said "over 80 percent of the post-secondary students with student loans graduated with total student loan debts of less than \$10 000."

"The figures don't concur with the ones I had which were that most students had debts of \$12 000 to \$20 000 coming out of bachelor programmes," said Bill Rompkey, Liberal secretary of state critic. "But even if they are right, a \$10 000 debt load is nothing to gloat about."

"The attitude underlying this is that students are privileged," said Rompkey, "and the government is saying to students: 'you are lucky to be where you are and here's your degree and your \$10 000 debt load, so good luck to you'," said Rompkey.

Mary Meloshe, Director of the Student Assistance Directorate for the federal government said the researchers themselves were surprised at the results of the study.

"Considering the articles in

the media in the past year concerning students struggling with very high debt loads, we were surprised to find that the majority of students have debts of less than \$10 000," she said.

"This does not mean that there's not a problem with debt load. Debt at any level can be a problem depending on one's resources," said Meloshe.

The study found that loans are distributed relatively evenly between men and women, that half of the negotiators are 21 years or younger, and that Arts and Sciences students are the most common debtors (40 percent). It also noted that the average accumulated debt load was \$4 796.

Of the students who owed more than \$15 000, most were male (61 percent) and older than 25 years and 20 percent were studying medicine.

Meloshe emphasized that the study was "very limited" in scope.

"We didn't have any good sources to go through," she said. "We had to rely on the administrative data from the federal and provincial aid programmes. But it does give us a handle on the kind of debt loads students are carrying."

Meloshe said that while the majority of final year students had debt loads at the "low end of the indebtedness scale" some had debts in excess of \$20 000.

"Sure, there are some students out there with high debt loads, but the question is, is that a problem? If a med student comes out of his final year of internship with a high debt load, is that necessarily a problem?" she asked.

Secretary of State David Crombie also announced the formation of a new Advisory Group to undertake a "comprehensive" review of federal student aid. The group will be made up of various interested groups including the Canadian Federation of Students, the Canadian Organization of Part-Time University Students, and the National Educational Association of Disabled Students.

Provincial ministers of education have also agreed to establish an intergovernmental consultative committee on financial aid to coordinate federal and provincial assistance programmes.

Meloshe said Crombie plans to review the Canada Student Loans Act and to introduce improvements by August of 1988.

But Rompkey said more than a review is needed.

"We don't need to strike another committee to massage the system we already have. We have got to change the whole philosophy toward student aid in Canada to a system of bursaries, so that anybody with the brains to do it can get where they want to go."

Rompkey said the Canada Student Loans Act is outdated. It was introduced in 1964, a time when summer employment was much more available for students and employment after graduation was easily found.

"Our society has got to face up to our responsibility. We can't afford not to invest in education. There's a saying: if you think education is expensive, try ignorance."

Council on Student Life filling positions

The Council on Student Life is looking for students to fill open positions on its sub-committees.

The Council is the "parliament" of student services on campus. Its job is to raise and discuss any and all matters related to student services or student life at Laurentian, to seek solutions and to make recommendations to the President. It is chaired by the Coordinator of Student Services, Dr. Paddy Blenkinsop, and its membership includes 9 students and 9 staff/faculty. The students on the Council represent the four student associations A.E.F., A.L.P.S., G.S.U., and S.G.A. In addition there is one student representative from the Federated Colleges and one representative from the Committee on the Status of Women.

The sub-committees of the Council are the following:

- Task Force on Space;
- Task Force on Student Rights and Conduct;
- Housing Committee;
- Committee on the Disabled;
- Counseling Committee;
- Committee on Student Activities and Communication.

All these committees have student representation. Some of

the positions are to be filled by the student associations, but others are "open", ie any Laurentian student can be nominated. If you are interested in getting involved in the work of any of these committees, contact your student association or, for one of the "open" positions, bring your nomination to Student Services at Room G-7 on Student Street. The call for nominations appears elsewhere in this edition of Lambda.

Let me encourage you to take part in the work of the Council on Student Life and of its sub-committees. It will work in close relations with the councils of the student associations, and will raise, study, and recommend solutions to problems. By concentrating its attention on the quality of student services and life at Laurentian, the Council will be able to improve that life and draw the interest and attention of the entire University community to the "Laurentian Experience" beyond the classroom.

P. Blenkinsop

Coordinator of Student Services.

Testing the test

(continued from page 1) many professors do not enforce grammar and structure throughout the academic year.

"Some of the professors are not picking up on some very fundamental linguistic concepts on a day-to-day basis," said Filion.

He feels that students are being unjustly punished by the test. "It is possible that schools have not done their jobs."

Another objection to the test format is the policy that it be administered to foreign students who might not have a strong background in the language of either test. However, the administration still feels strongly that these students should show an adequate level

of competency in order to get a degree.

The test is being reviewed by the Committee on Teaching and Learning, chaired by Dr. Gailand MacQueen. The committee is open to suggestions for a study to be presented to Senate next year.

Dr. Charles Belanger, VP Academic, made an interesting remark which questioned the competency of some of the professors themselves.

"I do get many notes and papers that come across my desk from professors that have to be edited before they are sent out, or else they'd make us look like a bunch of fools," admitted Belanger.

Patrick Snaird

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Si je comprends bien, il semble y avoir des difficultés au niveau de l'inscription. Plusieurs étudiants se font refuser des changements de cours et seront obligés de lâcher le cours. Il y a eu plusieurs suggestions afin de rectifier cette situation problématique. Entre autre, le président de l'A.G.E. propose d'obliger les professeurs à afficher la liste des élèves inscrits au cours. Ceci pourrait certainement réduire des éventualités indésirées.

Cependant, il faut regarder le coeur du problème: il est toujours facile de vouloir changer les règlements et de mettre le blâme sur les autres (administration). Si on ne peut pas rectifier l'origine du problème, il continuera à s'amplifier à chaque année.

Et, qu'est-ce que le coeur du problème, selon moi se sont les étudiants! Hélas, nous devons l'admettre et pousser notre orgueil de côté!

Nous devons nous réveiller, nous sommes à l'Université et non à la petite école (primaire). On se dit des adultes ayant atteint un niveau de maturation respectable. Démontrons-le!

Certains ne réalisent pas que c'est fini le "spoon-feeding", fini de se faire "torcher"! On doit prendre nos responsabilités et réaliser une l'inscription, c'est sérieux. Ce n'est pas un jeu, où l'on se promène de classe en classe durant le premier mois, afin de déterminer quel prof donne le moins d'ouvrage. Il faut savoir où l'on s'en va, et vite. Nous sommes dans une faculté, nous avons des cours obligatoires et des cours facultatifs. Alors, pourquoi ces erreurs? Serait-ce pour la plupart, des erreurs d'inattention ou seulement un manque de savoir faire?

Je pense sérieusement que la marche à suivre serait de conscientiser les étudiants que l'inscription, c'est sérieux! L'administration nous donne l'avantage de nous inscrire de bonne heure, un mois à l'avance, alors, profitons-en. Commençons par réaliser que nous ne sommes plus des

enfants et que nous devons prendre nos responsabilités.

Je conclus en envoyant mes sincères regrets aux étudiants qui se pensent encore au secondaire! Réveillez-vous, et sentez le bacon!

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But now, I'm really pissed off! All of a sudden, I'm not allowed to use the weight room during certain times because the damn fish club is there. And then the basketball team has booked the weight room for it's own kind.

Where will it stop? I feel that my athletic fees are being mis-used, that my membership contract to use the gym facilities has been broken, and that I am being discriminated against simply because I'm not a physed major. Excuuuuuuuse me! The administration doesn't seem to give a shit either. We need an ombudsman really badly!

We all pay for the pub out of our fees too. Does this mean that the clubs or teams can book the pub for their own pleasure like they do the weight room? I hope there isn't any double standard here.

Sincerely
Allan Daye

Thanking everyone under the sun

Dear Sir:

Just a brief word of thanks to Lambda for your first rate coverage of our Vees great season. We know that our fans are the best in Canada. We also know that our newspaper Lambda gives the best sports coverage of any university newspaper in the country.

Let me also publicly thank President John Daniel for his great support of the Vees. Our President can be seen at games in good weather and foul encouraging our athletes on to greater efforts. The job of a university President is immensely difficult. The fact that president John Daniels is able to take time off with his gracious wife to

support student athletes is a comment on how lucky we are to have as our President such a man. Thanks too to Vice-President Ron Chrysler. V.P. Chrysler took time off from his lunch at a very important meeting in Toronto to come over to Varsity Stadium to cheer and encourage our lads in the Eastern Ontario final.

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Council on Student Life

Nominations are invited for the following student positions on sub-committees of the Council.

- Task Force on Space**
Positions to be filled 3
- Task Force on Student Rights and Conduct**
Positions to be filled 3
- Housing Committee**
Positions to be filled 2*
* students living off campus
- Committee on the Disabled**
Positions to be filled 2
- Counseling Committee**
Positions to be filled 1

Nominees must be current Laurentian students.

DEADLINE: Thursday, November 26/87

Nominations should be submitted to:
Student Services, G-7, Student Street.

Conseil de la vie étudiante

Le Conseil invite les nominations aux postes désignés pour les étudiants sur ses sous-comités.

- Commission sur l'espace**
Postes à remplir 3
- Commission sur les droits et la conduite des étudiants**
Postes à remplir 3
- Commission sur le logement**
Postes à remplir 2*
* étudiants logés hors campus
- Comité sur les handicapés**
Postes à remplir 2
- Comité sur la consultation**
Postes à remplir 1

Les nommés doivent être étudiants inscrits actuellement à la Laurentienne.

DATE LIMITE: Vendredi, le 26 novembre/87

Nominations à soumettre à:

Services aux étudiants, G-7, rue des étudiants.

Can You See Me Yet?

Here we are. At this very moment, if it's Tuesday, we are rehearsing and/or contemplating suicide, however if it happens to be Wednesday or later-what are you doing, reading this article? you should be out buying your ticket for the play!

Well since you are reading this, I might as well divulge a and images of Timothy Findley's "Can You See Me Yet?"

So, if you enjoy solving riddles and even if you don't, come out an help me, Cassandra Wakelin, conjure up my past in the Britton Asylum for the Insane (commonly known as the Teacher's College).

Come and watch amazing character transformations!

Come and hear such immor-

little inside information.

"There's a dead dog down the hill'...'Houses burning everywhere'...'A twenty-eight year old who can't'...'My father was a bastard'...and...'We've all done something terrible'". There. Oh yes, and we have a dog that speaks - eventually. These are some of the themes tal lines as:

"If you smoke, wear a diaphragm..."

"I've done such terrible things...there was this boy..." and "...SEE US!"

...November 18-22 in the Teacher's College Auditorium. Tickets are available at the L.U. Bookstore, Sam's Record Store outlets, and at the door, \$3.00 for students.

Paula Gimirato

Hello Again; good-bye Oscars



Not too Long on laughs, but Shelly does a good job

Hello Again is a light, romantic comedy starring Shelly Long, Corbin Bernsen, and Judy Ivey. Lucy Chadman (Long) chokes to death on a South Korean chicken ball. Her eccentric sister Zelda (Ivey) uses metaphysical forces to bring Lucy back. Lucy died before her time and therefore she gets a second chance at life. When Lucy rises from the dead, it is exactly one year later and thing have changed. Her husband Jason (Bernsen) has married Lucy's college friend Kim (Sela Ward), the playground where she worked has been demolished and her son has married and became a chef. Throughout the movie, Lucy is unaware of the fact that, if she doesn't find true love within thirty days of her return, she will have to go back.

Shelly Long and Corbin Bernsen do their job as actors well enough to get the film to the screen. There is no possibility for Oscars, but they capture their characters in a light comical way. Long's sense of physical comedy is put to the test. She does a good job of playing the clumsy Lucy Chadman, but it is

just a bit too much. The one-liners are Long's strongest feature. They seem natural when spoken and only get better in time. Corbin Bernsen is best known for portraying Arnie Becker on the hit TV show L.A. Law. This is his first leading role in a movie, and he seems to be a natural choice for the part of Jason Chadman.

While Long and Bernsen are the stars of the movie, Judith Ivey is the one who carries the film. She plays Zelda the way Zelda should be played - wacky, spiritualistic and bizarre. Her outfits are so weird that you can't wait to see what she'll throw on next. Ivey provides much of the comic relief throughout the movie. She uses exaggerated actions and gestures that complement her character extremely well. Overall, the movie is well done. Everything fits together like it should and of course you have to wait until the end of the film to find out if Lucy stays on earth or goes back. It's an 'edge of the seat' wait, but you'll be content when you find out what happens.

Caroline Pedskelny

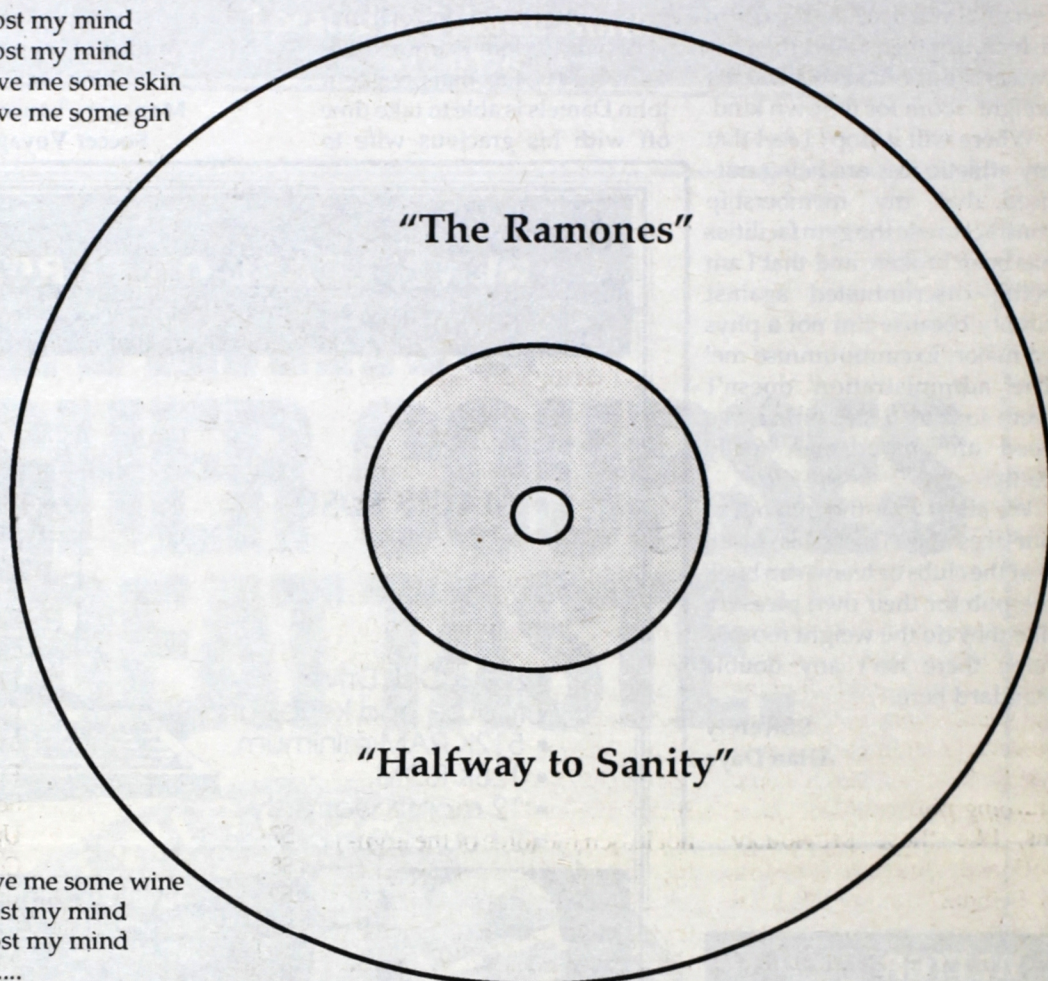
The Inside Track

By: Brian Flanagan
CFLR Radio

Remember the old days when there was fun music being produced? I mean 'go crazy' music, not the bubble gum dance-music they pawn off on us now. Times when there were bands like The Monks, The English Beat and Teenage Head? Well my friend those days are back! Sort of, anyway. The Ramones, one of the first really fun bands is back with a new album with just what the doctor ordered. Here are a group of songs that are designed to appeal to most any musical taste. Even the skinheads will find something to slam-dance to!

The album contains all the lyrics of all the songs. Why? I have no idea because there are less than twenty-five different words in each song. I suppose the lyrics are for people who find meaning in words such as:

I lost my mind
I lost my mind
Give me some skin
Give me some gin



Give me some wine
I lost my mind
I lost my mind
etc....

Anyway you get the idea.

There are also some entertaining song titles like "Weasel Face" and "Worm Man". I saw the video for "I Wanna Live" on Much Music, so the boys are prepared for instant stardom with the video release.. Sorry to disappoint them, but I just don't see this album doing as well for them as did "Rock'n'Roll High School". None-the-less, it is kind of humorous and contains some really fun stuff similar to what we were used to hearing in the past. Hard-core punk fans will probably find more in this album than will anybody else.

Rating: 3/5 Some good stuff, but it's not consistent.

The Young Offenders Act

In late August of 1987, an idea began to fester. Fertilized by long hours and watered by liquor, the seed of the idea began to formulate in the minds of four individuals. Comedy. Comedy created and expressed out of the minds of these four people.

The Young Offenders Act. We now had a name. Slowly, concepts began to flow. Eventually, some were scripted to form the core of what would later become a 1 1/2 hour show. Now, rehearsals. Actually two months of rehearsals before deciding to break away from the norm or troupe comedy and perform a show after two months of preparation. Normally, troupes take considerably longer to get stage ready. Are we stage ready? Only we know for sure. Regardless, instinct told us to move ahead and test the waters. Because of instinct, the decision was made. On Wed. Nov. 18th, the show

will go on.

Elain Lumely, Thom Payne, Greg Lawrence and Andrew Lowe, The Young Offenders Act. Inspired by everyone of Monty Python and the Three Stooges, the show is a combination of obscure and often very silly ideas. What began as a seed of an idea has grown into lengthy stage show of written sketch and improvisation.

All the members of the cast are relatively new to this and bring with them new and original ideas. Yes, we were influenced, but NO we don't copy anyone else's material. From the beginning we decided to present our own original material; to date we have remained true to this goal.

So, what type of material can you expect to see? We only wish we could tell you exactly. One of the basic premises of the troupe was improvisation. Therefore, we can safely say that approximately 90% of our

show will be practiced before hand. As for the other 10%, we will be as surprised as you to see will come out of us on stage. All I can say for sure is that satire and parody make up a large portion of our humour. Although, due to a definite need to express our darker, more hidden side, a fair bit of plain old silliness and absurdity will arise just to ease our troubled minds.

On Wed. Nov. 18th, The Young Offenders Act will be making its debut and bring its unique humour to Laurentian. In a mere 2 hours, 2 1/2 months of work will be culminated. The final product will be both entertaining and hopefully refreshing from standard T.V. comedy. If you enjoy comedy, if you need to laugh, attend the show and see what happens when four different minds, unify into a single train of humorous thought. All aboard!

Greg Lawrence.



Determinism and the Natural Philosopher—Part One

It is certainly no surprise that some of the world's greatest philosophers have also been some of the world's greatest scientists. Mathematics, it seems, has a penchant for delivering unto us many novel concepts—some of which are initially difficult to grasp.

For example, how small can numbers get before reaching zero? If I start with 1 and divide by two, I get 1/2. Dividing by two again, I get 1/4. I can keep on doing this division for as long as I like, and I will never reach zero. Of course, I will have numbers that are so small I could say, "this is nothing", but that would not be true.

So where is this world of the infinitely small? Does it imply that between zero and one, I can have as many intervals as I choose? And, as a student of science, can I come up with a mathematical law that can explain these small numbers and what they really mean?

Well, these questions are not new. When Calculus was invented in the second half of the seventeenth century, it became a powerful tool in the realm of physics. It also created some disturbing philosophical questions, like those previously mentioned. Indeed, Newton and Leibniz—the inventors of Calculus—were uncomfortable with this new tool because they had difficulty coming to terms with the world of the infinitely small. The famous French author, Voltaire, claimed that Calculus was, "the art of numbering and measuring exactly the Thing whose Existence cannot be conceived."

Nevertheless, scientists exploited this new math and were quite capable of calculating positions and velocities of ob-

jects at a given time. As an example, they could predict where a certain planet would be in a couple of days, and where it had been years ago.

Well, if it was possible to use Calculus this way to predict behaviour of planets, could we not use it to predict the future behaviour of anything, including people? If one could do that, then it would be obvious that the future behaviour of all matter is determined in advance, and Fate becomes Truth.

The French astronomer and mathematician, Laplace, summed up this idea. He stated, "We may regard the present state of the universe as the effect of its past and the cause of its future. An intellect which at any given moment knew all the forces that animate matter and the mutual positions of the beings that compose it, if this intellect were vast enough to submit that data to analysis, could condense into a single formula the movement of the greatest bodies of the universe and that of the lightest atom: for such an intellect nothing would be uncertain; and the future just like the past would be present before its eyes."

It can be noted that even if no such "intellect" exists, it does not lessen the force of the argument. And, if this argument is valid, then there can be no such thing as human free will because people are made up of matter also. As such, we too can be perfectly predicted through mathematics. Or can we?

Next week, we will continue to explore Determinism and its scientific foundations. Is Laplace's argument valid? Is there no such thing as free will? Above all, have we been programmed by Fate since the inception of existence?—

David Baker

Red Sea Parts

I don't believe that war in Asia is much of a possibility. My reasoning stems from the fact that all military attention seems to be directed towards the Red Sea.

On the surface, the struggle appears to be for oil, but below the surface (sonar tests have been done) the fight is for world domination, and naturally, such a large booty attracts many combatants. The placing of thousands of these well armed and paranoid men in a small area is potentially very dangerous. If war did break out, so many thousands of megatonne bombs would be dropped that the Red Sea would part. It would put in so many places that it would become parts; and we all know that the Red Sea only parts for a good reason.

World domination isn't reason enough for the Red Sea to part. World domination is unethical.

If I continue on this vein of thought then it also becomes significant that Egypt isn't a world power anymore. How can the Red Sea part without the Egyptians as the infidels? How can the Red Sea part if there are no escaping slaves in search of sanctuary, where would they go?

With this accumulation of evidence we are forced to come to the conclusion that war in the Middle East is impossible.

If there is a war, the Red Sea will part, but the ingredients of a Red Sea parting don't exist; therefore, there will be no war. Thank you logic 101.

Kemeny Babineau

JOBS JOBS JOBS

Here is a quick wrap up of activities in our office at this time.

On-campus recruiting

Simpson Sears: (management training) Jobs in Toronto and Montreal.

Deadline for applying:
January 15, 1988.

London Life: schedule your appointment now—

interviews
November 23 and 24, 1987.

Scotia Bank: Management, banking etc.

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November 23, 1987.

Canadian Political Association: Parliamentary internship.

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December 31, 1987

Peel Regional Police: Information and film session, Monday,

November 23, 1987.
Conference Room B (near Great Hall)

10:00-11:00

Interview/exam—same day.

Permanent

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- financial analyst in Sudbury
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- translators for Sudbury
- customer service representation (bilingual—in Toronto)

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| S2 | Bell Canada/non-management | November 27, 1987 |
| S3 | National Research Council:
Science and Engineering | November 20, 1987 |
| S4 | Ontario Geological Survey
Field Assistant | January 13, 1988 |
| S5 | Canadian Coast Guard
Crewperson/Supervisor (Coxswain) | November 27, 1987 |
| S6 | Pulp & Paper Research (Quebec)
Science & Engineering | |
| S7 | Upper Canada Forestry/tree planters supervisors | November 28, 1987 |
| S8 | Collins, Barrow, Maheu, Noiseux Accounting | January 15, 1988 |
| S9 | Brunton Browning/Accounting | January 15, 1988 |
| S10 | Camp Walden/Canada (Toronto)
Counseling/sailing/cooks etc. | |
| S11 | STIR (Ministry of Labour) jobs in Industrial Relations | |

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Information on any of the above can be found in our office.

See you soon!

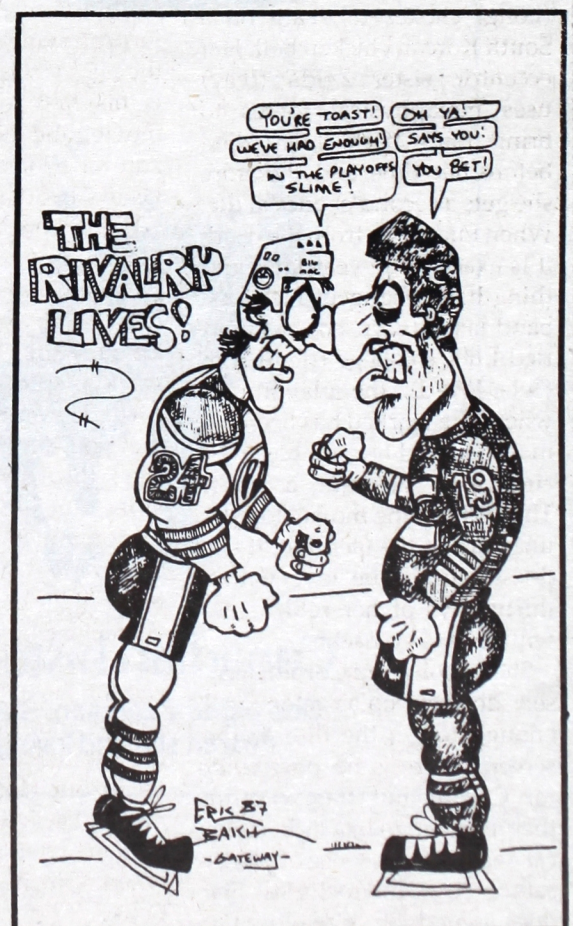
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